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1. LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING PROMISED LOA FOR PRESENTATION
TO GOG.

2. GIVEN FACT THAT TOAL COST NOW EXCEEDS AVAILABLE FMS
CREDITS, WOULD APPRECIATE ON URGENT BASIS PRICE AND
AVAILABILITY DATE FOR 76 MM GUN IN ACCORDANCE THIRD OPTION
SUGGESTED PARA 3 REFTEL. HOPE AT LEAST APPROXIMATE DATA
CAN BE SUPPLIED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS SO WE CAN GIVE
FIGURES TO GOG WHEN WE PRESENT LOA.

3. IN EVENT GOG OPTS FOR LOWER COST 76MM GUN, SHOULD THEY
SIGN LOA JUST COMPLETED IN ANTICIPATION HAVING IT
AMENDED LATER? OR, ALTERNATIVELY, WOULD NEW LOA
BE PREPARED SHOWING 76 MM GUN? IF LATTER IS CASE,
WHAT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL DELAY TO GOG ORDER REQUIRED
FOR PREPARATION OF AMENDED LOA? LIKE PRICE AND
AVAILABILITY DATA, ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ALSO NEEDED
BEFORE WE DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH GOG. STEIGMAN

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